

House Resolution No. 4835

Whereas, it is with great pride and sincere admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives honor treasured residents of the Show-Me State who have experienced the joys and blessings of a prosperous marriage; and

Whereas, sixty years ago on August 10, 1947, Russell Koch took the hand of his beautiful bride, Betty Earp, as they began their commitment to a lifetime of shared love and devotion by exchanging wedding vows during a solemn ceremony at the home of Bart Thomas of Plato, Missouri; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Russell and Betty Koch have had the pleasure of raising four children, Shirley Duff, Randy Koch, Gary Koch, and Danny Koch, and the privilege of spoiling ten grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, a recipient of the Purple Heart, Russell Koch is known as a dedicated family man who generously provided his loved ones with a comfortable home and secure future through his successful endeavors as the Texas County Assessor; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and outstanding homemaker, Betty Koch offered her children boundless emotional support, guidance, and understanding which enhanced their lives in countless ways and enabled them to become responsible citizens with families of their own; and

Whereas, members of Twin River's Trail Riders, Russell and Betty Koch enjoy serving as church leaders, supporting the Republican party, fishing, riding horses, quilting, and gardening; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Koch, residents of Bucyrus, commemorated the glorious occasion of their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration on August 11, 2007, at Oak Hill Christian Church:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Russell and Betty Koch for their tremendous success in achieving sixty years of wedded bliss and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Russell Koch, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by _____
Representative Don Wells
District No. 147

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4835, adopted September 24, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker